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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I: Fig. 1 (a <u>networked system</u> for implementing a video distribution system)

Species II: Fig. 7 (a block diagram of a <u>video encoder</u> according to an embodiment of

the invention)

Species III: Fig. 8 (a block diagram of a <u>predictive-coded video object plane (P-VOP)</u> encoder according to an embodiment of the invention)

Species VI: Fig. 9 (a flowchart illustrating a process according to an embodiment of the invention of encoding a portion of a video bitstream to include a redundant motion vector)

Species V: Fig. 10 (a flowchart illustrating a process according to an embodiment of the invention of <u>optionally encoding a portion of a video bitstream with sequential intra-frames</u> to enhance the robustness of the bitstream)

Species VI: Fig. 11 (a flowchart illustrating another process according to an embodiment of the invention of <u>optionally encoding a portion of a video bitstream bitstream to include a redundant motion vector that can be referenced to a selected previous frame)</u>

Species VII: Fig. 13 (a block diagram of a <u>video decoder</u> according to an embodiment of the invention)

Species VIII: Fig. 14 (a block diagram of <u>a predictive-coded video object plane (P-VOP) decoder</u> according to an embodiment of the invention)

Species IX: Fig. 15 (a flowchart illustrating a process according to an embodiment of the invention of <u>decoding a portion of a video bitstream encoded with redundant motion vectors</u>, where the process uses a redundant motion vector as a backup to a standard motion vector)

Species X: Figs. 16A-16B (flowcharts illustrating another process according to an embodiment of the invention of <u>decoding a video bitstream encoded with redundant motion vectors</u>, where the process uses a redundant motion vectors as a backup to a standard motion vector or in response to a high error estimate).

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a <u>single</u> disclosed **species** on the basis of the corresponding figures listed above, and to indicate to the Examiner which of the claims 1-34 read on the elected figure(s) of the disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claim is considered generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, Applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should Applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, Applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the Examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(l).

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Conclusion

- 2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to **Shawn S An** whose telephone number is 703-305-0099. The Examiner can normally be reached on Flex hours (10).
- 3. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.
- 4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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